Acquiring T-90 Tanks from Russia

2462. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has acquired T-90 Tanks from Russia;

(b) if so, the number of tanks received till date;

(c) the total number of tanks to be received; and

(d) the number of tanks to be assembled in India?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The first installment of T-90 tanks is likely to be received shortly. Out of the total number of T-90 tanks to be acquired, some will be assembled in India.

Areas Outside Radar Surveillance

2463. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large parts of India are not under radar surveillance and this is a security risk as revealed by a senior serving IAF Vice Marshall while addressing a seminar on the World ATC Day; the position is further aggravated by lack of coordination between civil amd military radars; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take so that security of India is not compromised especially when terrorists groups are very active?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The Air Force has adequate air-space surveillance capability along the frontiers. The resources of Indian Air Force and Civil Aviation are being optimally combined for effective air-space surveillance. Methods for improving the surveillance capability are further being addressed, keeping in view the fact that the radawr surveillance of the entire air-space of the country requires immense resources.

(b) To improve the security of airspace, Government has

constituted a Government Committee on Airspace Management (GCAM) to look at all aspects of airspace surveillance and management. This Committee would also assess the needs to integrate civil and military radars, and the requirement for additional surveillance equipment.

Carrying out Attacks on Terrorist Training Centres in Pakistan and POK

2464. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering carrying out attacks on Terrorist Training Centres in Pakistan and POK;

(b) whether Senior Government officials have expressed the view that India lacks the political and military capacity to conduct such strikes, especially at this juncture; and

(c) if so, what are Government views on this?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) As a part of its policy of sponsoring cross border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of India, Pakistan has established in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir a large infrastructure for recruitment, training and indoctrination of terrorists.

Government have appropriately and effectively brought to the attention of the international community, facts pertaining to Pakistan's sponsorship of cross border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of India. The matter has also been raised during high level discussions with world leaders. India has also established Joint Working Groups on Terrorism with several countries to enhance the levels of bilateral co-operation in the campaign against terrorism.

India has the resolve, strength and stamina to resist terrorism until it is decisively crushed.